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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Pope *et al.*

Application No. 10/009,698

Filed: December 5, 2001

Confirmation No. 1330

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
DETECTING SYPHILIS USING
SYNTHETIC ANTIGENS

Examiner: Khatol S. Shahnan Shah

Art Unit: 1645

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the application referenced above. The following documents are enclosed:

- ☒ Response to Office Action dated December 3, 2003 (including Declaration of Victoria Pope, Ph.D. under 37 C.F.R. §1.132).

FILING FEE					
For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e)					\$770.00
Total Claims	25	- 25*	= 0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	6	- 6**	= 0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)				\$290.00	
One-month Extension of Time				\$110.00	
Two-month Extension of Time				\$420.00	
Three-month Extension of Time				\$950.00	\$950.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$1720.00

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- ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for the number of months indicated above.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,720.00 is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this RCE and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

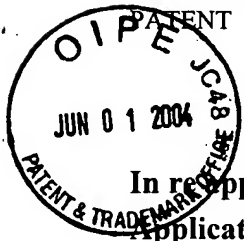
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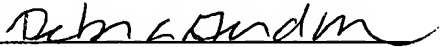


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), this Response to Office Action ("Response") is a "submission" accompanying a separate Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. This Response replies to the final Office action, dated December 3, 2003, and the subsequent Advisory Action, dated April 22, 2004. The RCE, when accompanied by this Response, a three-month extension fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), and a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), may be timely filed on or before June 3, 2004. It is believed that all of the necessary fees are enclosed with the RCE. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the deposit account referenced in the transmittal letter.

No claim or other amendments are made in this Response. Remarks begin on page 2. A Conclusion is set forth on page 6. A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §132 is attached at the end of this Response.